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With over 200+ professionals located across seven cities in India FoxMandal (FM) provides seamless legal services to clients. In India our offices are located in Noida, New Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad & Surat. In addition, we have two associate offices in London and Dhaka.

The firm was established in 1984 in New Delhi under the name of FoxMandal & Co. The founding partner, Dinabandhu Mandal was also the partner in the firm in Kolkata which his grandfather, G. C. Mandal with J. K. Fox started in partnership to establish one of the first Indo-British law firm.

The firm has been at the forefront of many significant legal developments in India having acted for, advised and represented domestic and international businesses, government and its agencies as well as multilateral institutions. The firm's strength is its team of experienced and trained lawyers who treasure the value of diligence and knowledge as well as creativity and innovation in addressing their client's needs. FM aims to offer to its clients, legal advice that meets the client's needs and expectations.

The immense success of FoxMandal's operations in New Delhi was instrumental in establishing other associate offices in India, UK and Bangladesh including Bangalore, Chennai, Dhaka, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, Noida, New Delhi, London, Pune and Surat. FM is a well-reputed full service law firm presenting an appropriate mix of the necessary legal expertise, industry specialization and commercial acumen. This firm of advocates, solicitors and notaries, comprises of over 150 lawyers with 20 partners and 100 para-legal staff. Our offices situated in all the important regions in India ensure that our clients receive cost-effective, value added and fully integrated services.

Over the years, FoxMandal has been ranked as the top firm in India by various international journals. **Mr. Som Mandal is recipient of "Economic Times Excellence in Leadership Award" in August 2022.** In the **year 2020, "Legal Comprehensive"** recognised **Mr. Som Mandal** amongst one of the best **"TOP 100 Lawyers in the world"**. In the **year 2019**, FoxMandal was awarded **"Times Power**

Icons” award for exemplary contribution in the field of **“Global Legal Service”**. In **2018**, **AI (Acquisition International)** awarded FoxMandal Global Excellence Award **“National Law firm of the year 2018-India”**. In **2018**, **ICFM (Inter Continental Finance & Law Magazine)** nominated FoxMandal as **“one of the top 100 leading firms in the world”**. FM was also acknowledged by **ACQ5 Law Awards - 2017** for **“National Law Firm of the Year”** for work done across all areas. FM was also acknowledged by **“Who’s Who Legal (WWL) 2016”** and **Mr. Som Mandal** was featured as a **“Top legal consultant in Energy and Mining sector in India”**. FM was recognized by **“Legal 500 magazine - 2015 edition”** for work done across all areas. FM was awarded the **“India Law Firm Awards 2014”** for the best **“Corporate Commercial Law Firm”** by **India Business Law Journal (IBLJ)**. FM was featured in **“The lawyers - 2014 Asia Pacific 150”** amongst **“Top 10 Indian law firms”**. FM won **“Acquisition International M&A award 2014”**. FM was awarded the **“Disinvestment law firm of the year – India”** by **“Intercontinental finance magazine (ICFM)”**, in 2014. FM won the **“Acquisition international Dispute Resolution Firm of the Year Award 2013”**. The firm won **“Intercontinental Finance 2012 Global Award”**. FM was awarded the best **“Dispute Resolution Law Firm 2012 - Finance Monthly Law Awards”**. FM won **“The Best National Law Firm, 2008”** award by the **International Legal Alliance Summit & Awards, 2008** at Paris and distinguished during the International Legal Awards Ceremony amongst the leading law firms from 22 countries. We have been awarded the **“Employer of Choice, 2008”**, a response among over 15,000 lawyers region-wide by **ALB (Asian Legal Business)**. FoxMandal has been recognized with **“Client Choice Award, 2007”** in India, from more than 1,300 individual assessments received from corporate counsel worldwide by **ILO (International Law Office)**, the **Official Partner to the International Bar Association**, for FM stands apart for the excellent client care and the quality of service. It has been awarded for the law firms' ability to add real value to their clients' business above and beyond the other players in the market. Amongst others, we have been adjudged as **“The Best Law Firm of the Year”** for India in 2006 by **IFLR (International Financial Law Review)**, a Euromoney publication.

Litigation Experience

FoxMandal has a dedicated team of lawyers who are specializing in various field of law like Commercial, Civil, Arbitration, Labour, Consumer, and Intellectual property matter. Each team of lawyers is headed by a Partner who specializes in different field of Litigation. FoxMandal's team of lawyers are representing clients in the Supreme Court, High Court, District forums and various tribunals. With its strategically located offices spread nationwide in Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi, Pune, Surat, FoxMandal ensures a fully integrated and cost effective service.

The litigation team has been profitably exposed to a variety of issues ranging from corporate, civil, employment, product liability, medical negligence, environmental litigation, construction disputes, matrimonial matters, disputes involving contracts and property, IP-related litigation including trade secrets and brand protection on the internet, infrastructure and telecommunications, tax.



Scope of work

The litigation team's approach is multi-disciplinary where we work in sync with lawyers from other teams within the firm such as intellectual property, corporate issues, tax and environment. The firm strategises advice to the clients providing comprehensive analyses of the issues and efficient litigation management.

Our proactive approach, commercial acumen combined with technical expertise defines our outlook. The firm has a significant litigation practice and it is the

emphasis on quality that has contributed significantly in the impeccable reputation that FM has built over the years.

Following is an indicative list of our clients and some of the major work done both in field of litigation and arbitration :

- Acted for Union Carbide Corporation in relation to matter against them in U.S. Courts.
- Acted for Dow Chemicals Company in relation to a claim against them.
- Acted for Lucent Technologies in relation to a claim filed against them in U.S. Courts.
- Acted for Giro Bank in relation to their proceedings before the Adjudicating Authority as well as the Supreme Court of India.
- Acted for copyright infringement matters in High Court and Supreme Court of India.
- Acting for passing off of trade marks of several Indian / foreign companies including a German Company, August Krempel Sohne GmbH.
- Acted for Deutsche Bank in relation to their several matters.
- Acted for Southern Energy Asia Pacific in relation to their 3600 MW Power Project in Orissa.
- Advised and represented Star India (Pvt.) Ltd. regarding their disputes falling within the rubric of the TDSAT, High Court and the Supreme Court.
- Handling various Banks and Financial Institutions in Debt Recovery Tribunal like *Indian Renewal Energy Development Agency (IREDA), IFCI, IDBI, IIBI, Bank of Rajasthan, Rural Electrification Corporation, Habib Bank* and the *Deutsche Bank*.
- Acted for Chase Manhattan Bank in relation to their recovery proceedings.
- Represented Giro Bank in proceedings relating to foreign exchange laws.
- Acted for Posco in obtaining their Mining Lease from the State of Orissa.
- Acted for Saboli Trading LLC in recovery matters.

- Acted for S.K Networks, a Korean Company in relation to their recovery matters.
- Acted for Sobati Trading in relation to their recovery matters.
- Represented Indian Tea Association in their dispute with the State Government with regard to Power Tariff.
- Acted for Leica Geo Systems in relation to a dispute over a copyright issue of software product.
- Acted for Shilpi Communication Ltd. in relation to their dispute with Rosenberg, Germany with regard to transfer of shares.

Acted / Acting for the following companies in relation to litigation and business advisory work :

- Artemis Hospital
- Axa Insurance Singapore
- Bell Granito
- Blackberry
- British Steel PLC
- Cadence Design System Inc.
- Coal India and its subsidiaries
- Daimler Chrysler
- Delliote & Touche
- Dragon Investment Singapore
- Dunlop
- Enter Prise Advertising
- Exide Industries
- GAIL, ONGC
- Gulf Glass Manufacturers Ltd.
- HCL
- ICICI
- Indian Tobacco (ITC)
- Invensys

- ITC Bhadrachalam
- J.K. Industries
- JMA Industries
- Kirloskar
- Kleen Flo Tumbler Canada
- Klose Chemie Germany
- Kuwait Airways
- Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation
- Mahindra Export
- Martin Burn
- Mitsubishi Bank
- Mitsubishi Corporation
- Modi Revlon
- National Jute Manufactures
- Nautilus Shipping Singapore
- Nicholas Piramal
- Nisho Iwai
- Okura
- Oriental Insurance
- Panalpina
- PARCUK
- Park Hotel
- Pegasus Asset Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd.
- Plan Man Management
- Polar Industries
- Pressman Advertising
- Price Water Coopers
- Prima Tel
- Protivity
- Resort Condominium India (RCI)
- Revertex, Malaysia
- Royal Sundaram
- Salvation Army
- Samsung Electronics
- Sangli Bank

- SEAMEC (South East Asia Marine Engineering & Construction Ltd.)
- Shanghai Belling
- Sinclairs Hotels
- Skoda Auto India Pvt. Ltd.
- Slaughter and May
- Subros
- Sulfindo
- Tanyard Investment
- Tata AIG
- Tyco and its Group Companies
- Uni Pektin
- United Chemical Products PLC
- Veyance Rubber
- Win Medicare Ltd.

FoxMandal Litigation team also boasts of individual Clients' like:

- Mr. Rupert Murdoch
- Mr. S.B. Ganguly, Former Chairman of Exide Industries
- Mr. T.V. Ramanathan, Former Chairman of Exide Industries
- Ex Chairman of TTL Industries
- Mr. U.K. Modi, Ex Chairman of Modi Revlon
- Mr. Rob Marshall, Ex Country Manager of Premier Oil
- Barbara Bradford Taylor
- R.S. Lodha

We have a specialised consumer law team headed by a Partner-in-charge. Some of the key consumer clients of the firm are:

- Artemis Hospital, a health care (venture launched by the promoter of Apollo Tyres)
- Exide Industries
- Giro Bank now Alliance and Leicester
- Hyundai Motors

- Kuwait Airways
- Modi Mundi Pharma
- Modi Revlon
- Modi Senator
- Panalpina
- Polar Industries
- Resort Condominium India (RCI)
- STAR TV
- Tyco
- Win Medicare

FoxMandal has a special team headed by a Partner for claims (both Civil and Criminal in nature) in relation to defamation and damages. Some of the important Clients/matters dealt by the team with regard to defamation matters are:

- Acted for India International Polytechnic against a daily named Times of India, having one of the highest circulation in India.
- Defending a suit of libel in Delhi High Court for Murad Ali Baig, Auto Expert
- Acted in a Criminal matter in Gauhati High Court involving Mr. Rob Marshall, Country Manager of Premier Oil
- Acted in various Civil and Criminal matters for Aaj Kal newspaper, one of the largest linguistic newspaper.

We have been advising various other publications, the names of which have been withheld due to Client confidentiality.

FoxMandal has successfully advised and represented high profile celebrities, both national and international, from various walks of life in defamation and copyright related matters.

- Pre publication advise rendered to Ashok Banker (Author) on various aspects including option agreements for literary property, vetting of various contracts, such as non- disclosure agreements.

- Assisted Sophie Choudry (celebrity) in sending a notice of defamation in relation to an article published in a newspaper.
- Assisted Wyder (Author) in litigation relating to the book written by her.
- Advised and represented Barbara Taylor Bradford (Author) in litigation against Sahara T.V. with respect to the daily soap, 'Karisma- Women of Substance'.

Please note that, we would not be able to disclose the information related to few of our clients due to client confidentiality.



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